

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Scott E. Jahns et al.  
Serial No.: 10/763,861  
Filed: January 22, 2004  
Title: VESSEL SEALING DEVICES

Examiner: Lindsey M. Bachman  
Group Art Unit: 3734  
Docket No.: M190.113.101/P-9198.00

## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)** **UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

### **Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

*Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.*

### **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:**

- ☒ Previously Submitted
- ☒ Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on November 21, 2007  
(Any unentered Amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Enclosed
- ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ☐ IDS and PTO Form-1449
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

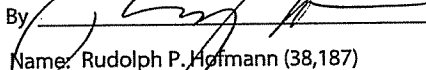
### **Miscellaneous:**

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s). (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(l) required).
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees:** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- ☒ RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
- ☐ Extension of Time Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.126 and 1.17
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$810 to Deposit Acct. No. 500471 to cover the above fee(s).

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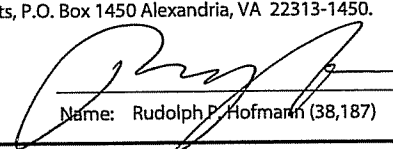
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*Please consider this a Petition for Extension of Time for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. At any time during the pendency of this application, please change any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500471.*

### **CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:**

Date of Deposit: December 12, 2007

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as First Class mail, addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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